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Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants thank Examiner Clark again for her patient and careful examination of this application and clear explanation of the claim rejections, and for the helpful suggestions. Responsive to the Office action, applicants canceled additional claims 8, 20, and 21 and amended claims 1 and claim 15. Because the cited reference does not disclose at least the limitation of applying a force to each of the balls with respective punches to deform the tops of each ball such that a portion of each ball overlaps the substrate to grab a proximate edge of its respective hole to couple the balls to the substrate, claims 1 and 15 stand patentable over the reference.

Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered for further consideration and timely allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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